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Carter Tightens Lid On CIA Information

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Washington (News Bureau) — Stung by public disclosure of CIA payments to King Hussein of Jordan and other foreign leaders, President Carter has reduced from 40 persons to five the number within the executive branch who have access to information about agency operations, Sen. Alan B. Cranston (D-Calif.) said yesterday.

Cranston told reporters that the leaking of information about CIA operations was a major topic of discussion at a White House breakfast meeting with Carter, who hinted broadly that Congress should follow his lead and severely limit access to CIA information. The President stopped short, however, of asking what fewer House and Senate committees receive CIA data. At present, seven committees and subcommittees receive such information.

Cranston described the meeting "as a long, long discussion of how many people need to know." He said that Carter told the lawmakers, "I do not want to withhold information from Congress."

The disclosure about King Hussein came last Friday as Secretary of State Vance landed in Jordan to meet the king as part of Vance's tour of the Middle East. The disclosure, by The Washington Post, was denounced by the Jordanian Government as an effort to sabotage the talks.

Turner OK Expected

Meantime, Carter's choice for CIA director, Adm. Stansfield Turner, is expected to win overwhelming approval from the Senate Intelligence Committee today after promising to operate the scandal-scarred agency within the law and to quit if the President ever asks him to do anything illegal.

Turner testified before the committee yesterday, saying that he did not expect Carter to ask him to do anything unethical, immoral, or illegal. The

admiral was a classmate of Carter at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Turner is expected to have little trouble winning confirmation from the full Senate.

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